

**PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

- WHEREAS,** ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2005, AND CONTINUING, HURRICANE KATRINA MADE LANDFALL IN THE STATES OF ALABAMA, FLORIDA, LOUISIANA, AND MISSISSIPPI, PRODUCING SEVERE FLOODING, WINDS, AND STORM SYSTEMS MOVING ACROSS MANY STATES THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHERN UNITED STATES; AND
- WHEREAS,** THIS HURRICANE AND SUBSEQUENT WEATHER-RELATED INCIDENTS HAVE CAUSED CATASTROPHIC LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY INCLUDING RESIDENCES, BUSINESSES, AND ENERGY PRODUCTION INFRASTRUCTURE, THROUGHOUT THE REGION; AND
- WHEREAS,** STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS AND RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY THE SEVERE WEATHER NEED IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE TO INCLUDE FLOOD RESPONSE RESOURCES, MEDICAL TRIAGE PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT, POWER GENERATION SUPPORT, AND OTHER DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE STATE OF IOWA IS LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF NUMEROUS STATE AND NATIONAL POINTS OF TRANSPORTATION THOROUGHFARE;
- WHEREAS,** IOWA IS COMMITTED TO ASSISTING THE CITIZENS OF ALABAMA, FLORIDA, LOUISIANA, AND MISSISSIPPI, BY SUPPORTING THE IMMEDIATE TRANSPORT OF DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY RESOURCES EMERGING FROM OR TRAVELING THROUGH THE STATE; AND
- WHEREAS,** STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE IOWA CODE REGULATING THE MOVEMENT OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES WOULD PREVENT OR HINDER TIMELY DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH THIS EMERGENCY.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, THOMAS J. VILSACK, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, ACTING UNDER THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY IOWA CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 1 AND 8 AND IOWA CODE SECTION 29C.6(1) DO HEREBY DECLARE A STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY. FURTHER, PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE SECTION 29C.6(6), I DO HEREBY SUSPEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL PERMITS FOR USE OF OVERWEIGHT/OVERSIZE VEHICLES AND THE REGULATORY PROVISIONS OF IOWA CODE SECTION 321.463 TO THE EXTENT THAT THESE PROVISIONS RESTRICT THE MOVEMENT OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES THAT MAY BE NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO THE EFFECTS OF HURRICANE KATRINA IN THE MOST TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE FASHION. SUSPENSION OF THESE PROVISIONS APPLIES TO LOADS TRANSPORTED ON ALL HIGHWAYS WITHIN IOWA, EXCLUDING THE INTERSTATE SYSTEM, AND WHICH DO NOT EXCEED 20,000 POUNDS PER AXLE AND COMPLY WITH POSTED LIMITS ON BRIDGES. IN ADDITION, THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATING AUTHORITY, REGISTRATION AND FUEL TAX REPORTING AS REQUIRED BY THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ARE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED AS THEY APPLY TO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES USED FOR RESTORATION EFFORTS.

THIS PROCLAMATION EXPIRES 15 DAYS FROM THE DATE ISSUED. THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS HEREBY DIRECTED TO MONITOR THE OPERATION OF THIS PROCLAMATION TO ASSURE THE PUBLIC’S SAFETY AND FACILITATE THE MOVEMENT OF THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLES INVOLVED.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,** I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSE THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 31<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF AUGUST IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE.

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THOMAS J. VILSACK  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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CHESTER J. CULVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE